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**To:** Vermont Educators  
**Date:** May 8, 2009  
**Subject:** Vermont Professional Development Network Teacher Leaders Vacancy Positions

The VT DOE is seeking enthusiastic and experienced educators to fill available positions as Vermont Professional Development Network (VPDN) leaders. Network leaders develop and facilitate the literacy, math, and science VPDN meetings in collaboration with DOE content coordinators and colleagues from around Vermont.

The content of VPDN meetings includes addressing *Vermont's Grade Expectations* through local and state assessment, modeling effective instructional strategies, implementing 21<sup>st</sup> century skills and technology, and providing opportunities for teachers to learn and network together.

VPDN leaders both provide and gain professional development as they work with each other and DOE content coordinators to

- provide professional development to teachers/colleagues in the implementation of *Vermont's Grade Expectations* and their connections to instruction and assessment;
- collaborate with other network leaders and DOE content coordinators to develop professional development activities and materials;
- contribute resources and classroom examples of innovative and effective practices in content area instruction and assessment; and
- support content instruction and pedagogy locally.

VPDN leaders are asked to commit to four days of planning in the summer and two to three days of planning during the school year, as well as facilitate two grade-level network meetings (fall/spring) primarily in their geographic region, for a total of four or five days during the school year.

Leaders will be compensated per diem for **planning time, substitutes, and mileage.**

As part of the selection process, all interested applicants should complete the form enclosed with this letter and return it to Rose Wheeler at [rose.wheeler@state.vt.us](mailto:rose.wheeler@state.vt.us) or fax it to (802) 828-6563 no later than **Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**.

We look forward to hearing from you.

## Application for Vermont Network Teacher Leader

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ School phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Years of teaching: \_\_\_\_

Check content area: ☐ *Literacy* ☐ *Mathematics* ☐ *Science*

Check Grade Level:

☐ K ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9-12

☐ I have discussed this four-day commitment with my administrator, and she/he agrees to provide me with professional release time in order to participate in the network program.

PLEASE RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS AS SPECIFICALLY AS POSSIBLE.

1. Describe your experience and skills in providing professional development to other teachers/colleagues.  
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2. Describe how and what you can contribute to the planning process for the Professional Development Networks (e.g., use of NECAP released tasks, formative assessment, data analysis, differentiated instruction).  
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3. Please list recent professional development activities/content coursework which you have taken (e.g., VMI, VSI, Vermont Reads).  
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4. What technology tools do you embed in your instruction?  
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5. Please indicate your level of **understanding/application** of the following concepts:

	<u>lowest</u>				<u>highest</u>
a. Depth of Knowledge (DoK)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
b. Differentiated Instruction (DI)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
c. Backward Design (UbD)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
d. Formative assessment	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
e. Inquiry/problem solving	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

6. Please list at least two references and their contact information.

Reference 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Please fax (828-6563) or e-mail ([rose.wheeler@state.vt.us](mailto:rose.wheeler@state.vt.us)) application to Rose Wheeler no later than **Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**

*Thank you for your willingness to participate in this professional development endeavor!*